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Smart Card and Method of Operating the Smart Card

The present invention relates to a smart card and to a
method of operating the smart card in which the smart
5   card has input/output means enabling the smart card to
receive and transmit data regarding individual financial
transactions.

Personal financial transactions can today be conducted
10   using a wide variety of credit and debit cards. The
transactions may be on-line or off-line retail purchases.
Alternatively the transactions may be to withdraw cash or
make financial transfers using automated teller machines
or self service terminals. An even wider range of
15   transactions has become commonplace through the advent of
telephone banking whereby telephone or personal computer
instructions to the relevant institution can be
communicated for financial transfers and the purchase of
services.

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Many consumers using a wide variety of means to conduct
financial transactions have no real visibility of their
cashflow except from the printed receipts from machines
such as point of sale (POS) terminals and automated
25   teller machines and from monthly bank statements.

It is an aim of the present invention to provide such
consumers with a more readily accessible view of
cashflow.

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According to the present invention there is now provided
a smart card having input/output means enabling the smart

card to receive and transmit data regarding individual financial transactions, a store for logging the transactions individually, and programming means to process the individual transactions so as to consolidate

5   them into a consolidated log of transactions.

Further, according to the present invention, there is provided a method of operating a smart card having input/output means enabling the smart card to receive and

10   transmit data regarding individual financial transactions, the method comprising logging the transactions individually and employing programming means within the smart card to process the individual transactions so as to consolidate them into a

15   consolidated log of transactions.

The consolidated log can be accessed through the input/output means for display or printout under the control of the consumer using the smart card.

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The invention will now be described further, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings in which;

25   Figure 1 illustrates smart cards, embodying the invention, communicating with a variety of devices to effect financial transactions, and

Figure 2 shows a series of processing steps to operate a

30   smart card embodying the present invention.

In Figure 1, a number of smart cards 10a, 10b and 10c are shown. Further detail of each smart card will be described with particular reference to smart card 10a but it will be apparent that each of the smart cards has the same general construction. As seen in Figure 1, the smart card 10a has a microprocessor 11 which incorporates a read only memory 12, a random access memory 13 and input/output ports 14. The smart card is able to communicate through the ports 14 when suitably positioned within a smart card reader as is well known in the art. The internal operations of the smart card are controlled by the microprocessor 11 as determined by program microinstructions that are stored in the read only memory 12. The microinstructions include a number of application programs enabling the smart card to conduct financial transactions, other related applications and transaction logging operations.

Any one of the smart cards 10a, 10b or 10c can be used in conjunction with an automated teller machine 15, a point of sale terminal 16 or a data processor 17 which may be a PC, PDA or self service terminal. It will be understood that the automated teller machine 15, the point of sale terminal 16 and the data processor 17 each incorporate a smart card reader which is adapted to co-operate with the input/output ports 14 to receive instructions and data from the smart card and to pass instructions and data back to the smart card.

Each of the smart cards 10a, 10b and 10c has a secure area 13a and an unsecured area 13b within the random access memory 13. The secure area 13a is accessible under

the control of the microprocessor 11 for the storage of
secure data relating to a consolidate log of financial
transactions. The unsecured area is accessible under the
control of the microprocessor 11 for the storage of
5   unsecured data relating to an unsecured log of financial
transactions.

The smart card 10a is shown diagrammatically in Figure 1
as co-operating with the automated teller machine 15 to
10 conduct an automated financial transaction in which data
passes between the smart card 10a and the automated
teller machine 15 under the control of the application
programs stored in the read only memory 12. Such
transactions enable the user to withdraw currency from
15 the machine 15 or make other financial transactions. Such
other financial transactions may, for example, include
the loading of currency values into the random access
store 13. The smart card is programmed to receive
financial data from the machine 15 into the unsecured
20 portion 13b of the memory 13.

The smart card 10a is shown diagrammatically in Figure 1
as co-operating with the point of sale terminal 16 to
conduct an automated financial transaction in which data
passes between the smart card 10a and the terminal 16
25 under the control of the application programs stored in
the read only memory 12. A retail sale may be authorised
by the smart card and the resulting financial data is
written to the unsecured area 13b of the memory 13.
30 The transactions which have been described in relation to
the machines 15 and 16 and are conducted by the smart

card under the control of the microprocessor 11 and will
be referred to as automated transactions.

The smart cards 10a, 10b and 10c are useable with the
5   data processing machine 17 to undertake manual
transactions. Manual transactions are required in those
cases where the consumer has made financial transactions
without using the smart card and needs to update the
financial data held in the memory 13 of the smart card.
10 For example, the consumer may have made purchases using
credit or debit cards and may have made purchases off-
line over the telephone. An update from the data
processing machine 17 may take a number of different
forms. In the case where the machine is a personal
15 computer, the update data can be entered from a keyboard
of the personal computer; alternatively the data can have
been downloaded to the personal computer from a remote
site, or it can have been generated locally by a
financial package. In the case where the machine is a
20 self service terminal, the update data is prepared by the
terminal to be presented to the smart card. It will be
apparent that a variety of machines may be employed to
update the smart card provided that they incorporate a
suitable smart card reader. One such machine may, for
25 example, be a mobile phone including a second smart card
slot.

The means of operating the smart card 10a, 10b or 10c
will now be described with reference to Figure 2. The
30 first step 20 is to enter the smart card into a smart
card reader. The microprocessor 11 determines in step 21
whether an automatic transaction is called for. If so,

an authorisation program is called, in step 22, from the memory 12. In step 23, the authorisation program checks the data entered from the smart card reader to determine whether a transaction should be authorised. If so, the

5   authorisation is communicated in step 24 to the smart card reader. If the determination in step 23 is that the authorisation is not verified, the process is terminated.

In step 25, the financial transaction data is received

10   for the unsecured transaction log 13b in the memory 13. The microprocessor 11 calls a storage program in step 26 to access the memory 13 and stores the received financial transaction data in step 27. The program terminates following step 27.

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If in step 21 the determination is made that an automated transaction is not called for, the microprocessor 11 checks in step 28 whether a manual update is to be performed. If so, the microprocessor 11 proceeds to step

20   25 to receive the manually entered log data and proceeds through steps 26 and 27 as before.

If in step 28 the determination is made that a manual update is not called for, the microprocessor 11 checks in

25   step 29 whether a consolidation of the financial data is called for. If so, the microprocessor 11 first verifies in step 30 the access to the secure area 13a of memory 13. The microprocessor proceeds to step 31 to access a consolidation program from the memory 12 and then

30   proceeds to step 32 in which the data from the unsecured part 13b of the memory 13 is transferred to the secured part 13a of the memory 13. In the transfer, the

microprocessor is programmed to collect and consolidate
the transaction data so as to produce a consolidated
statement or log of the financial transactions.

5   The consolidated log is accessible by uploading from the
secured part of the memory 13 into the smart card reader
of the data processing device 17.

It will be apparent that the manual updating of the smart
10   card may be direct to the secured area of the memory 13
in addition to the unsecured area of the memory 13
subject to verification of such updating by the
microprocessor 11.

15   What has been described is a smart card having the
facility to conduct both automatic and manual
transactions and the capability of recording financial
transactions in both unsecured and secured transaction
logs. A consolidation program in the smart card enables
20   the user to conduct a consolidation of all the financial
transactions so as to provide ready access to a financial
statement which indicates the cashflow situation of the
user.

25   While the invention has been described with reference to
an ATM, the ATM 15 can be replaced by the more general
type of self service terminal which does not have a cash
dispense facility.

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CLAIMS

1. A smart card having input/output means enabling the
smart card to receive and transmit data regarding
individual financial transactions, a store for logging
the transactions individually, and programming means to
process the individual transactions so as to consolidate
them into a consolidated log of transactions.

2. A smart card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
store includes a secured area and an unsecured area, the
programming means being operable to transfer and
consolidate data from the unsecured area into the secured
area.

3. A smart card as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the
programming means is operable selectively either to
authorise and process automated financial transactions or
to process manual transactions.

4. A method of operating a smart card having
input/output means enabling the smart card to receive and
transmit data regarding individual financial
transactions, the method comprising the steps of, logging
the transactions individually in a store of the smart
card and employing programming means within the smart
card to process the individual transactions so as to
consolidate them into a consolidated log of transactions.

5. A method as claimed in claim 4, comprising the
further step of transferring the transactions from au

unsecured area of the store to a secured area of the

store.

6. A method as claimed in claim 4 or 5, comprising the
steps of employing the programming means selectively
either to authorise and process automated financial
transactions or to process manual transactions.

7. A smart card substantially as herinbefore described
with reference to the accompanying drawings.

8. A method of operating a smart card substantially as
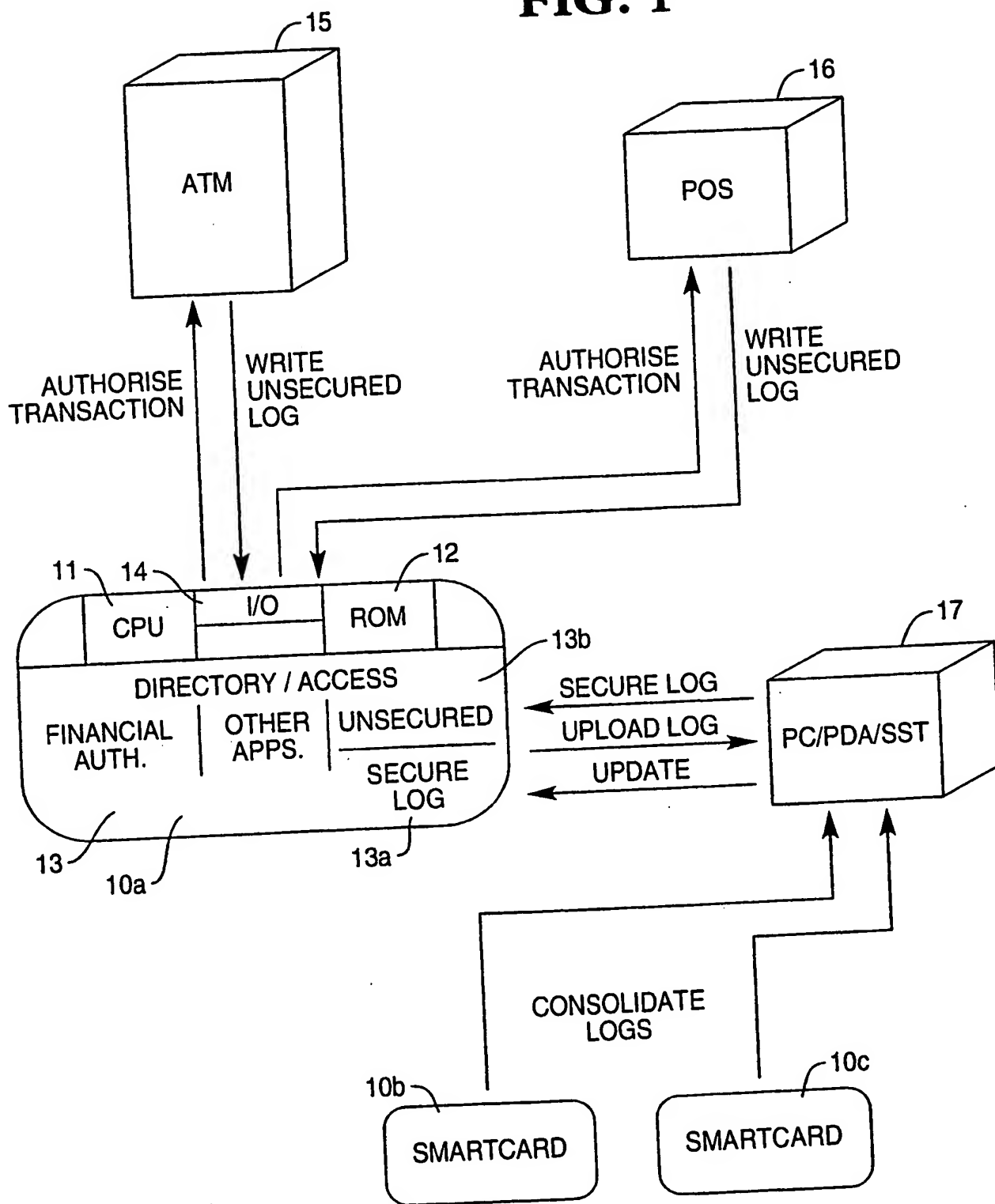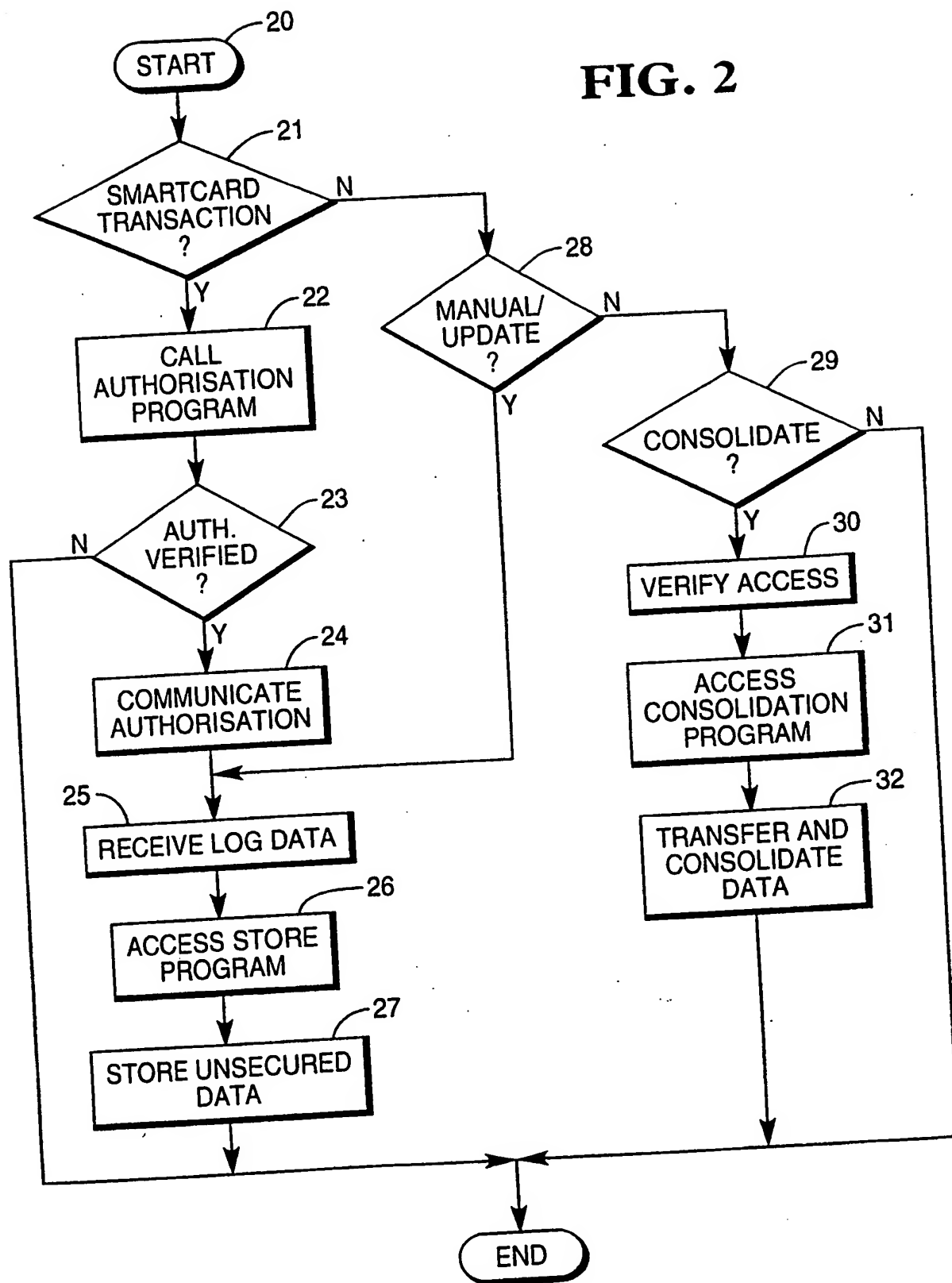herinbefore described with reference to the accompanying
drawings.

FIG. 1

FIG. 2

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